



First United Methodist Challenge

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January 22, 2025

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

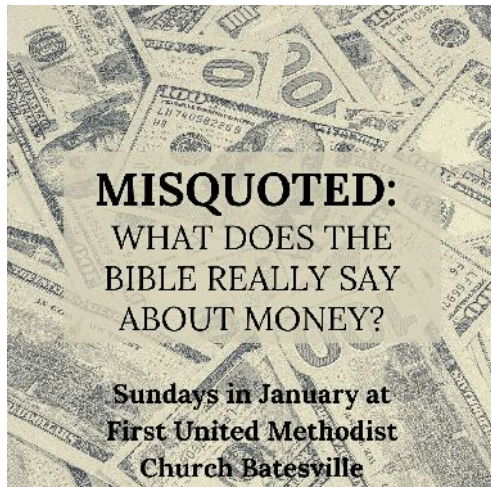
Dear Church Family,

This Sunday is the last in our series *Misquoted: What the Bible Really Says about Money*. The scripture passage, Luke 18:18-27, is one of Jesus' most well-known teachings on wealth, but it is often misinterpreted. I hope you have gotten something out of this series and have been in prayer about how you can support the ministries of the church.



Our office was closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Each year on MLK Day I re-read The Letter from a Birmingham Jail. Every time I read it; I am drawn to a different part of the letter. King wrote this letter to the clergy of Birmingham and this year one of his most famous quotes is what struck me: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." The rest of the paragraph reads, "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds." I think this is an important reminder that although division and partisanship seem at an all time high, our destiny is bound up together. I encourage you to join me in prayer for our country and our leaders.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Katie



Baptism of Rhett Mason Roulier



Parents

Scott and Megan Roulier

Grandparents

Paul and Karen Holifield

Dr. Scott Roulier and Dr. Julia Roulier

Super Bowl Snack Sale



FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025

In the Hallway before and after both services.

Super Bowl Party shop from First Youth.

Buy some tasty treats and help support these great teens.

"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks. At the end of 2 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

Our Prayers for Those at Home

- Bill Beller.....member
- Larry Bentley.....member
- Glenda Bowers.....member
- Ruby Curlmember
- Ginger Davismember
- Starr Kent.....member
- Daniel King.....member
- Dot Lewismember
- Aline McCrackenmember
- Katie McLean.....member
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Alannette Rushingmember
- Lyndal Waitsmember
- Phil DaughertyJennifer Emery's father
- Emma Herringtonfriend of Abby & Lily Barker
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Heather Pool.....niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Mary Ellen Cadena Poolsister in law of Joe & Kay Pool
- Kervin Robinson.....Michael Robinson's father
- Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's
Great Grandson
- Belinda Turnerfriend of the Reynolds

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

MD Anderson - Houston, TX

- Brent Bentley.....member



Our Warming Center at the Grammar House is open whenever the temperature reaches 25 degrees. **We are seeking volunteers to help staff the center, launder and reset the beds, and otherwise help restock the center with food.**

The Center opens around 6:00pm and closes around 9:30pm if no guests are present. Otherwise we close the following morning around 8:00am. We also welcome your prayers and support communicating this ministry to the community. Volunteers can contact the church office for more information.

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

- Ruth Chesnutt..... mother of Gayle Ross
- Connie Crafton sister of Joel Wagoner
- Asa Whitaker member

Wildwood Independent Living

- Nelda Hackworth..... member

Wood-Lawn Heights

- Sally Allen..... mother of Vicki Reed
- Benodlyn Kramer..... aunt of Sonya Massey
- Gayle Stobaugh..... friend of members

Woodcrest Assisted Living

- Ernestine Boyce member

The Springs of Searcy Health & Rehabilitation

- Judy Murrah..... member

St. Bernards Villa - Jonesboro

- Gayle Silberhorn..... member

Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

Those who have listed family in military service, please review and update the status of your service member.

- Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Capt. Chris Milumhusband of Kaylea Milum
- Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts.....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Ltc. Colonel John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
- Major Joe Warren
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler cousin of member

Blessing Box

Collecting these items this week

Canned Pasta

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Katie Pearce at the church office (870) 793-3803

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce
katie.pearce@arumc.org

Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Welcome

Michael Robinson

Director of Traditional Worship

Marc Sexton

Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

Treasurer

Ruby Curl

Custodian

Joe Johnson

Lay Leader

Lay Servants/Ministers

Sandy West
Asa Whitaker

Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

Finance Chair

Staff/Parish Chair

Rikki Painter

Trustees Chair

Jim McSpadden

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Our Presence - Online Worship Views

January 12th

11:00 Service (YT 24 + FB 239) 263

9:00 Service(FB)

In-Person Attendance

January 19th 109

Our Gifts

Received in January

Received through 01-05-2025

Total Giving \$9,471.90

Received through 01-12-2025

Total Giving \$8,734.55

Received through 01-19-2025

Total Giving \$14,568.72

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Luke 18:18-27

Our Service

for January 26th

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the honor and glory of God by
(need altar flowers this Sunday)

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

GREETERS:

9:00 Susan Tripp & Maggie Beshears
11:00 David & Pam Smith

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Stephanie Wade

LITURGIST: Terrell Tebbetts

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

January 29 Miller Bryant

January 31 Ramona Shaffer

February 1 Matthew Ramsey

MEMORIALS

MARCUS BOWERS

Robert & Susie Carter

Katy Smythe

When you pray,

pray for our church,

pray for our ministries,

pray for our Sunday school teachers,

pray for our staff,

pray for each other,

pray for our church!



Flower
Calendar

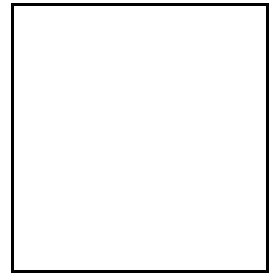
Flower Calendar 2025

We invite you to provide flowers for the altar by signing up on the calendar near the office (or calling the office). You may donate \$50 or more, contact Signature Gifts to work with them, or create your own arrangement/work with a florist of your choice. The flowers are noted in the bulletin, and following Sunday worship, volunteers arrange them into individual vases and take them to members who our ill or homebound.

Please take a moment to pick a Sunday where you can be a part of this wonderful ministry.



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The FUMC Challenge

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **Jan 27th, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

11:00 Worship Service
 Livestream on
 YouTube and on Facebook

SUNDAYMORNINGS

9:00am Contemporary Service—Fellowship Hall
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Announcements

- Jan 22nd Chancel Choir Practice
- BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
- BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- Jan 25th Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Jan 27th Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
- Jan 27th Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm
- Jan 30th College Group - 6:30pm
- Feb 2nd Sunday Night Bible Study - Alpha Room - 5:00pm
- Feb 9th Super Bowl Snack Sale - Hallway after Worship Services



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the Jan 29th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, Jan 27th, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.